जाने और पुलिस थानों में दो और पारियां आरम्भ किये जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) और (ख) अवकाश न लेने/लम्बे समय तक ड्यूटी देने के एवज में उन्हें प्रतिवर्ष एक मास का प्रतिपूरक वेतन दिया जाता है ।

(ग) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Protection of pay of carpet training officers

2059. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the reported rendering of nearly 50 Carpet Training Officers under the Development Commissioner (Hindicrafts) as surplus and offering them lower grade as Investigator;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is being done create a few cadre known as Handicraft promotion Officer through UPSC in the same scale as that of Carpet Training Officers;

(c) what are the reasons for not absorbing the Carpet Training Officers having suitable experience in the proposed Cadre of Carpet Promotion Officer;

(d) what are the reasons for not protecting the pay of these Carpet Training Officers; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to protect the pay and promotional avenue of Carpet Training Officers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) As per the report of the Staff Inspection Unit, a number of posts of Carpet Training Officer were proposed to be abolished which would render some Carpet Training Officers surplus. Efforts will be made to rehabilitate the junior most Carpet Training Officers in other equivalent or, if not possible, a lower grade post. This is to avoid outright retrenchment that would otherwise take place.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Pay is protected as per rules; the Carpet Training Officers are in the feeder zone for promotion to posts of Assistant Director in the carpet scheme.

Loan to Jute Mills

2060. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any jute mill had applied for loan from the Jute Modernisation Fund;

(b) if so, what are the names of those Jute mills;

(c) what are the criteria for getting loan from the said Fund;

(d) whether all those mills which applied for loan have so far received the loan; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (e) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Till February, 1988, 26 applications have been received by the all-India Financial Institutions from jute mills companies seeking assistance under the Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme.

The names of the applicant companies are as under:—

1. Anglo India Jute Mills Co. Ltd.
2. Howrah Mills Co. Ltd.*
3. Hastings Mills (Jute Div. of Shree

Digvijay Cement Co. Ltd.).

4. Angus Co. Ltd.
5. Kanoria Jute & Ind. Ltd.
6. Fort Gloster Inds. Ltd.
7. Nuddea Mills Co. Ltd.
8. Nellimarla Jute Mills Co. Ltd.
9. Naffar Chandra Jute Mills Ltd.
10. Konark Jute Ltd.
11. Birla Jute & Inds. Ltd.
12. Kanknarrah Co. Ltd.
13. Budge Budge Co. Ltd.
14. Aekta Ltd.
15. Hukamchand Jute Mills Ltd.
16. Howrah Mills Co. Ltd.*
17. New Central Jute Mills Co. Ltd.
18. Fort William Co. Ltd.
19. Gourepore Company Ltd.
20. Kelvin Jute Co. Ltd.
21. Naihati Jute Mills Co. Ltd.
22. Calcutta Jute Mfg. Co. Ltd.
23. Ganges Mfg. Co. Ltd.
24. India Jute & Inds. Ltd.
25. Shree Bajrang Jute Mills Ltd.
26. Shree Hanuman Jute Mills Ltd.

*Tht first application submitted by the Company was withdrawn consequent upon change of management and the new promoters have submitted a fresh application seeking assistance.

The assistance under the Fund would be available to all existing jute mills, including weak, but potentially viable ones. who are registered as public or private limited companies or as industrial co-operatives. The loans shall be available for modernisation and rehabilitation, primarily aimed at (i) upgradation of technology process, product-mix,, (ii) export-orientation (iii) energy saving, (iv) anti-pollution measures and (v) fuller utilisation of capacity through debottlenecking. The applicant concers shall be required to satisfy the Financial Institutions in regard to technical feasibility of the scheme, financial viability of the Company from a long-term point of view and managerial capabilities to run the unit on professional lines.

Out of the 26 applications received by the Institutions 3 applications have been withdrawn by the promoters. Out of the remaining 23 applications, while 3 applications have not been found supportworthy, assistance have been sanctioned to 6 concerns and the remaining 14 applications are at various stages of processing.

Out of the 6 concerns, where the loans have been sanctioned disbursement has commenced in respect of 2 cases.

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Modernisation Loan	Rehabilitation Loan	Special Loan	Total
1. Anglo India Jute Mills Co. Ltd. . . .	120	100	24	244
2. Hastings Mill (Jute Div. of Shree Digvijay Cement Co. Ltd.	260	—	—	260
3. Kanoria Jute & Inds. Ltd.	324	—	78	402
4. Kelvin Jute Co. Ltd.	271	65	55	391
5. Birla Jute & Ind. Ltd.	648	—	—	648
6. Naihati Jute Mills Ltd.	198	14	32	244
	1821	179	189	2189

In addition to above, special loan of Rs. 100 Crore Fund has been sanctioned to Kelvin Jute (Rs. 117 lakhs) and Naihati Jute (Rs. 50 lakhs).

All-Party Meeting on GNLF Problem in Calcutta

2061. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an all-party meeting was held in Calcutta regarding the solution of the GNLF problem;

(b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereto;

(c) whether the Central Government would deal with the GNLF in the light of deliberations of the all-party meeting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Improvement of the Standard of Raw Silk

2062. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to improve the quality of raw silk production in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) In order to improve the quality of raw silk production in the country, Central Silk Board's research institutes are engaged in evolving better quality silkworm races and a number of bivoltine races have already been released in the field. Besides this the Board is encouraging bivoltine rearing practices and arranging supply of subsidised bivoltine silkworm seed.

Further to increase the production of quality raw silk the Central Silk Board in collaboration with State Governments have formulated a National Sericulture Project for implementation with World Bank assistance. A Pre-Appraisal Mission from the Bank is presently in India to discuss the details of this project.

Completion of Medium and Major Irrigation Projects

2063. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the medium and major irrigation projects completed during the last three years in different States, State-wise;

(b) the names of the medium and major irrigation projects which are lagging behind the scheduled time of completion, State-wise?

(c) the reasons for the delay, projectwise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The aspect of completion of projects is assessed at the end of each Plan. As per the information received from States, most of the 181 major and 433 medium ongoing projects are running behind schedule.

(c) The main reasons for delay include increase in the number of projects resulting in thin spreading of limited resources; escalation in the costs of labour, material, equipment and land; inadequate investigations at the project formulation stage resulting in under estimation of quantities